



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, October 19, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-5287)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Percy Duran III and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Cesar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-5289)

Call to Order. (16-5126)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Self-introductions were made by all in attendance.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the September 28, 2016 Minutes (Continued from the meeting of 10/5/16). (16-4971)

On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran III, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (16-5129)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of September 2016.

There were a total of 15 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls and a total of 10 Outreach visits to the following facilities:

- **B & I Group Home**
- **Candlelight Homes**
- **Garces Residential Care**
- **Careprovider Org.**
- **Dream Catcher Foundation**
- **Vista Del Mar**
- **Aviva Family and Children's Services**
- **LifeCircles Unlimited**
- **Hathaway- Sycamore Child and Family Services**
- **Rosemary Children's Services**

3. Internal Services Department (ISD). (16-5149)

There was no representative present to report.

4. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (16-5166)

Ms. Patricia Bolanos-Gonzalez, Children Services Administrator II, Out of Home Care Management Section, DCFS, reported that during the month of September 2016 there were a total of 739 Absent Without Leave (AWOLS) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 28 referrals in the following categories:

- **9 Physical Abuse (PA)**
- **6 Sexual Abuse (SA)**
- **9 General Neglect (GN)**
- **4 Emotional Abuse (EA)**

There were a total of 29 referrals closed in September 2016:

- **8 GN**
- **10 PA**

- 10 SA
- 1 EA

Investigation results of closed referrals:

- 7 Evaluated Out
- 14 Inconclusive
- 6 Unfounded
- 1 Substantiated
- 1 Not Investigated

Ms. Bolanos-Gonzalez also reported that the hold has been lifted from Junior Blind of America and Olive Crest remains on hold.

5. Department of Mental Health (DMH). (16-5127)

There was no report presented.

6. Probation Department (PD). (16-5153)

Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD, introduced Ms. Mikesha Taylor the new program analyst she will provide the Commission with full detailed reports for the months of September and October 2016 at the business meeting. She also reported that Phoenix House Group Home remains on hold.

7. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (16-5154)

There was no report presented.

8. Sheriff's Department (SD). (16-5156)

Commander Henry Romero, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, reported that repairs are still being done to the Lakewood Sheriff Station drunk tank and that will be completed. Commander Romero also answered questions posed by the Commission.

9. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-4972)

There was no report presented.

10. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-4973)

There was no report presented.

**11. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections.
(16-4974)**

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- **Rosemary Children's Services (Bonnie Ave., Pasadena, CA) on September 30, 2016.**
- **Girls Republic (Ivy St., Monrovia, CA) on October 5, 2016 and reported no one was home.**
- **Rosemary Children's Services (Fremont Ave., Pasadena, CA) on October 6, 2016.**
- **Girls Republic (Ivy St., Monrovia, CA) on October 7, 2016.**
- **Penny Lane #6 (Balboa Bl., Granada Hills, CA) on October 12, 2016.**
- **McKinley Boy's Children Center (Cypress St., San Dimas, CA) on October 13, 2016.**
- **Rosemary Children's Service (Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA) on October 14, 2016.**

Chairperson Bigby and Commissioner Duran visited:

- **Phoenix House of Los Angeles (Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA) on September 29, 2016.**

Commissioner Duran visited:

- **Walnut/ Diamond Bar Station (Valley Bl., Walnut, CA) on October 14, 2016.**
- **Heritage Group Home (Santa Fe Springs Rd., Whittier, CA) on October 14, 2016.**

Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:

- **Carson Sheriff Station (Avalon Bl., Carson, CA) on October 3, 2016.**
- **Penny Lane #3 (Osborne St., Arleta, CA) on October 4, 2016 and reported that no one was home.**
- **Penny Lane #5 (Haskell Ave., North Hills, CA) on October 12, 2016.**
- **Optimist - San Fernando (Woldskill St., Mission Hills, CA) on October 18, 2016.**
- **Bellflower Courthouse (Flower St., Bellflower, CA) on October 18, 2016.**

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- **Children's Home of Southern California (Runneymede St., Van Nuys, CA) on October 6, 2016.**

- **Boys/Girls Republic (Redcliff St., Los Angeles, CA) on October 10, 2016 and reported that no one was home.**
- **Children's Home of Southern California (Baird Ave., Reseda, CA) on October 11, 2016 and reported that no one was home.**

Commissioner Andrews visited:

- **Penny Lane #3 (Osborne St., Arleta, CA) on October 5, 2016.**
- **Optimist - San Fernando (Wolfskill St., Mission Hills, CA) on October 12, 2016 and reported that no one was home.**
- **Camp Gonzales (Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA) on October 14, 2016.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-4975)

There were no items presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-4976)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of October 19, 2016. (16-4977)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of October 19, 2016 at 11:38 a.m.